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Another Stock Selling Campaign to Start

Railroad Commission Grants Ferry Co. Permit

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The Richmond-San Francisco Transportation Co. has been authorized by the railroad commission to operate an automobile, passenger and freight ferry service between Richmond and San Francisco, and also authorized the company to sell, at not less than 85 per cent of par value, $425,000 par value of its common capital stock, and to use the proceeds thereof to finance in part the purchase of a ferryboat and the construction of terminal facilities, and to provide itself with working capital.

Passing of Crockett Sugar Refinery Man

Crockett, Dec. 21.—Otto Wiliam Francis Smith, 31, for the past nine years a resident of this city, and foreman of the California-Hawaiian sugar refinery here, died at a local hospital Monday night, following a brief illness. He was a native of Honolulu.

Million in Taxes Collected by County

Martinez, Dec. 20.—The sum of $1,627,743 63 was collected in county taxes up to the first Monday in December, it was announced by Tax Collector M. W. Joost in making his official statement. This money has all been turned over to County Treasurer C. L. Dodge.

Union Labor Bank

San Diego, Dec. 21.—The Union Labor Bank, now preparing to start, has capital in excess of $200,000, it is stated.

WAS LONG-LOST SCHOOLMATE

Brakeman and Conductor Had Not the Heart to Throw Him Off Train.

The conductor observed a tramp stowed away on the front end of the baggage car. He told a brakeman to throw him off at the next station.

The brakeman went, but when he was about to start the throwing-off process the tramp drew a revolver and advised him to retreat. The advice seemed good and the brakeman took it.

Upon his return the conductor asked him if he had got rid of the tramp, whereupon the brakeman said: "No; I didn't have the heart to do it. You see, I found he was a long-lost schoolmate of mine."

"That don't cut no ice with me," said the conductor. "Just wait until I get at him. You'll see something flying in the air then."

The conductor went forward, but soon returned looking pale.

"Did you throw him off?" asked the brakeman.

"No," replied the conductor. "He turned out to be a long-lost schoolmate of mine, too."—Argonaut.

Under high temperature and at high tension wool can be successfully mercerized, says the Illustrated World. The yarn is immersed for about five minutes in bisulphide of soda at a high temperature. Shrinking is prevented by a mechanical apparatus that holds the yarn at high tension. The tension is then relaxed, and the yarn is boiled in a weak acid solution. Mercerized wool yarns increase one-third in length but, unlike cotton yarns, gain nothing in tensile strength.

It was in THE TERMINAL.

Ferry Company Must Pay $7500 For Woman's Life

The damage suit of C. D. Whiting against the Martinez-Benicia Ferry Company for over $50,000 as a result of the death of his wife who met death by drowning at the end of the municipal pier in the summer of 1922, was settled Monday.

It is said the settlement was reached on payment by the ferry company of $7500 to Whiting.

Memorial Sites Are Ordered Vacated by Board of Supervisors

Assistant District Attorney T. H. DeLap was authorized by the supervisors to notify occupants of property purchased at Walnut Creek as a site for the memorial hall to vacate the premises.

A deed was also also accepted from the C. A. Hooper Co. for property in Pittsburg to be used as a memorial hall site.

LAUNDRY MARK AND A SHIRT

New York Woman With Good Memory Comes to Rescue of Her Husband.

Many complain about laundries marking their clothes with indelible ink, but there is one woman who is glad, though her pleasure is due to the practice of some laundries in keeping old marks made by other laundries, says the New York Sun and Globe.

The woman's husband came home suddenly the other night. "Where were his dress shirts?" They were all soiled and had gone to the wash. "Where could he get another at that hour?" The woman went out. She remembered that three months before she had left a dress shirt at another laundry and had forgotten to call for it.

She found that the place was under new management and that after 30 days goods uncalled for could not be claimed. She insisted. The laundryman searched. "No shirt here," he said. But the woman noticed a shirt in the window on display. "That's the one," said she.

"Prove it," said the laundryman.

"My laundry number is xx313," she retorted and the mark is on the neckband.

She got the shirt.

JUST THE ONE

Mrs. X was questioning an applicant for the position of nurse and finding the girl had not voluntarily left her last place she inquired: "Why were you discharged?"

"Well, ma'am," said the girl very frankly, "to tell the truth, I sometimes forgot to wash the children."

Whereupon there came from Mrs. X's children in chorus. "Oh, mother, please engage her."—Boston Transcript.

WON HIS BET

An Irishman on crutches and with bandaged head was met by a friend.

"Well, Pat, been fighting again?"

"No, sir. I bet Murphy half a crown he couldn't carry me up the ladder on the top of a hod full of bricks, and I won. He couldn't."—London Tit-Bits.

REDUCTIO AD ABSURDAM

"I am happy to know that my establishment was recommended to you by one of my former boarders."

"Yes, indeed, ma'am; I'm trying to get thin, you see, and he advised me to come here."—London Tit-Bits.

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Three Victims of Gas Day's Toll in El Cerrito

El Cerrito, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ellen Francis C. Collins, wife of Herbert J. Collins of El Cerrito, her little son Harold, aged 5, and daughter, Doris, aged 3, were found asphyxiated in their home in this city at 10 a. m. today by some children who were playing near the Collins home.

All efforts to resuscitate the unfortunate mother and little ones failed.

Collins, the husband and father, scouts the suicide theory, and says it was an accident.

It is thought the wind blew the gas flames out, and not noticed the woman laid down upon the bed in a faint and was gradually overcome by the fumes.

Speeding Up Overland Mail

S. P. train No. 9, exclusive mail train between Chicago and San Francisco via Omaha and Ogden, has reduced its running time three hours, but the aerial mail service, while not so reliable, is there with the speed.

RANDOM COMMENT

A republic is the form of government in which those who will not vote denounce the choice of those who do.

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Why not organize a Coolidge club, not for political purposes, but with one view of encouragiug more people to keep their mouths shut?

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There may be some way to work out higher wages for rail employes and lower freight rates. It is a hard nut to crack. Who can "crack" it?

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As long as Europe keeps yelping about how it cannot get on its feet again unless the United States does all the work, naturally it never will. A great part of the Old World's trouble is due to its pauperized state of mind.

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Increase in business for the past fiscal year over that of the preceding 12 months, 10 per cent; increase in cost of operation, 3.3 per cent. So runs the postoffice department's record. The record shows what can be accomplished by "more business government." It stands as an impressive credit to the business-like conduct of the department and the efficiency of its employes. It is also a gratifying exhibit of national prosperity.

Yuletide Swats

When the pessimist whispers in your ear of the calamity that is befalling the country, swat him.

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When someone tells you that the politicians are all grafters, swat him.

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When someone tells you that we are due for calamity, and that the farmers never will be able to meet their obligations, swat him.

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Also swat the fellow that said Ford was going to run for President.

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And finally, before you forget it, swat Santa Claus if he doesn't bring the slippers.

Teacher Gets "Kick" Out of 'Em

Now, children, all together—"A merry Christmas and a happy New Year's." Once more, now! and louder.

"A-A-I ! : - : zzz—ker-choo—m-zump—ZOW-Bing!!!"

That's fine. Now you may all go out and play.

He Used the Telephone Got in on Ground Floor

That the telephone, as a selling medium was illustrated recently in a large wholesale house in Saginaw, Michigan.

The manager of the concern received a telegram on a Sunday morning that on Monday morning the price of tires would increase 15 per cent. He immediately placed telephone calls for all the dealers in that part of Michigan.

He was astounded at the prompt manner in which connections were made and upon summing up the business, he found that he had sold $21,000 worth of tires in just a few minutes, which was the largest day's business the Saginaw office had ever done.

A selling campaign was immediately planned by the manager.

Some Good Hints to Paste on Your Windshield

Drive on the right side of the road; it is just as good as the left. In fact, it is safer.

Slow down when approaching a crossroad; it is nearly as dangerous as a railroad crossing.

Look out for children. You can never tell what they will do, and you are always in the wrong if you hit one.

Try to help instead of hinder the traffic officer; he is there for your good, and he's got a tough job.

Be sure that your "dimmers" really dim; it's no joke driving into a blinding glare, as you probably know.

Read and obey the warning signs. They are not put up as ornaments.

If you feel you've got to speed—do it where it won't kill anyone except youself.

When making minor repairs, stop where your car may be seen from both directions; otherwise you may stop longer than you anticipate.

Speeding around corners is a straight route to the hospital.

Don't race past a stopped street car. Some day the jury may call it manslaughter.

Blow your horn to fit the "emergency." Startling a driver out of his hide to make him "lay over" a foot or two, may cause a serious spill.

Use discretion. The fact that you had the right of way won't bring anybody back to life, least of all yourself.

Are We Drifting?

There doesn't seem to be much said about starting in the New Year with "good resolutions."

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Some merchants boycott their home institutions, and then "crab" about the people going to the cities to do their trading.

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When business men are thoroughly imbued with the community spirit, they do not boycott one locality in order to enhance values in their own district.

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The community spirit should prevail. Your acts show where you stand. If the parade turns at Third or Fourth and countermarches back, the business men, no matter how "humble," between First and Fourth, do not feel generous toward the "donation solicitors," whose boosting proclivities are centered on the midway district. It should be "all for one and one for all." Why can't we adopt this slogan and stand pat for it?

"I Saw It in THE TERMINAL."

Ford Engineers Said to Be Considering Offer

Richmond has two waterfronts, the inner and outer harbor. The Henry Ford people are looking around, and have not yet accepted any offers. They are considering convenient waterfront facilities. Richmond has them, and the Industrial Commission is busy with the data.

Now that Ford is considering our exceptional advantages, the time is ripe to take advantage of the opportunity to induce the big manufacturer to locate here.

Judge Fred V. Wood Succeeds Judge Smith

Sacramento, Dec. 21.—Governor Richardson has appointed Attorney Fred V. Wood superior judge in Alameda county to succeed the late Judge Mortimer Smith.

Judge Wood was a former resident of Contra Costa county where he practiced law. In 1908 he was a candidate for superior judge, contesting the late Judge R. H. Latimer. Later in the same year he was appointed by Gov. Gillette to a superior judgeship in Amador county.

He began his legal training with Probate Judge Edward C. Robinson, and was in his early law practice associated with Judge E. M. Gibson.

His first public office was that of police judge of Oakland in 1893. He was twice re-elected to this office. He was succeeded by the late Judge Mortimer Smith, to whose office as superior judge he now succeeds.

"THE INSPIRED COMPOSITOR"

One Case in Which Printer Made Great Improvement in Author's Manuscript.

Mr. Winston Churchill is being extolled by his publisher as a paragon of accuracy because he insists on revising four sets of proofs of his forthcoming book, but it would be difficult for any writer to beat the meticulous care with which Thomas Campbell revised and corrected his poems in the press. On one occasion he actually walked six miles to his printers, and six miles back, in order to change a comma into a semicolon. Doubtless he was justified, for the difference a punctuation mark can make was revealed in the case of one of the best-known lines in the English language. When Gray sent his famous "Elegy" to the printers the first line read:

The curfew tolls, the knell of parting day.

The printer, not understanding the use of "tolls" as an intransitive verb, deleted the comma, so that it read:

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day.

When the poet saw the line he at once recognized its new sustained melody, and adopted the printer's correction.—Manchester Guardian.

GOOD AUTOMOBILE SHOE

"No," said the old man sternly. "I will not do it. Never have I sold anything by false representations, and I will not begin now."

For a moment he was silent, and the clerk who stood before him could see that the better nature of his employer was fighting strongly for the right.

"No," said the old man again. "I will not do it. It is an inferior grade of shoe, and I will never pass it off as anything better. Mark it, 'A Shoe Fit for a Queen,' and put it in the window. A queen does not have to do much walking."

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Eight Hours Must Constitute Day's Work

County Line Slaughter House Must Find New Site

(Albany Argus)

Mr. McDermitt of the county line slaughter-house company asks an extension of time in moving and complying with the ordinance prohibiting abattoirs, stating ing that the large supply of feed for their cattle would have to be removed, and that his company had not found a new location for the slaughterhouse.

After some discussion as to complying with the ordinance, it was decided by the board to visit the the slaughterhouse plant as a committee of the whole and report next Monday night.

It is said the city trustees will grant an extension of three months if the situation is as represented.

JOHN GUTENBERG

The Zellerbach Paper Co. is mailing beautiful 'keepsakes' to their patrons and friends, a reproduction of a portrait of John Gutenberg, the inventor of movable types for printing. The original picture is in oil (artist unknown) and is in the art museum in Munich.

Gutenberg, the inventor of the "art preservative of all arts," died February 24, 1468, nearly 500 years ago. His achievements will forever stand out in eloquence for a man who accomplished wonders for humanity by his inventive genius.

The Zellerbachs have bestowed an excellent tribute to the memory of the world's greatest artisan, John Gutenberg.

Mrs. Lois Cevera and Mrs. Eva Hickey of Richmond were the guests last week of Mrs. C. P. Krepps.—Los Banos Enterprise.

If You Would Have Good Health Eat Carefully

January will soon be here. Start the new year off with the following food calendar. It is a good month to use—

Citrus fruits and cranberries plentifully.

Begin making or using whole wheat bread.

Use canned vegetables to alternate with those from winter storage.

Serve canned tomatoes twice a week, and have stewed dried fruits often.

Don't overlook the breakfast cereals and have them hot.

Think of all the hot desserts you know—rice pudding, bread pudding, apple betty, warm gingerbread, fresh pies; and get some fruit into them if possible.

Remember, the hot dish for the school children.

Make puddings or muffins of left-over breakfast cereal, adding a few nuts, raisins or currants.

Keep up the salad habit. Like old "Dobbin," you need the forage after being foundered on fudge, turkey, crab, and high holidays fare. Your system requires "renovation." Go strong on the cabbage and carrot; dally with the celery and the onion, and have a good complexion, a clear eye and no doctor bills.

To clean spark plugs a 10 per cent solution of acetic acid will quickly dissolve grease and carbon.

Judge Shields Hands Down Important Decision

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—An important decision affecting every county, city, town district and township of the state was handed down Saturday by Judge Shields of the Superior Court of the State of California, Dept. No. 2, Sacramento. Judge Shields' ruling was:

That all contracts on public works must contain a clause limiting the hours of labor to eight per day, and that the same clause must provide a penalty against the contractor amounting to ten dollars per day for every workman who is permitted to work more than the maximum hours of labor.

Commenting on this decision, State Labor Commissioner Walter G. Mathewson said: "Hereafter there can be no further question as to the constitutionality of the law as interpreted in the Penal Code by Judge Shields."

District Attorney Plays No Favorites; He's After 'Em All

District Attorney A. B. Tinning did a good business the past week in closing establishments that are are being conducted in violation of the Volstead act. Places closed under abatement proceedings are:

Union Hotel, Crockett. Severin Ferchi and Ambrogio Crivelli, owners.

Quill Hotel, Rodeo. Wm. P. Quill, admr. of the estates of John J. and Nellie Quill, defendant.

The Bank Pool Hall, Rodeo, Frank Frates, owner.

Pioneer Pool Hall, Rodeo, Joe Cardoza, owner.

The Corner Restaurant, Rodeo, Joseph and Tesess Coppa, owners.

The Terminal's 21st Birthday

Appropos of The Terminal's 21st birthday, the publisher modestly submits the following "bouquet" for Richmond's oldest newspaper:

The Terminal newspaper is a public service enterprise. Its duty to the public is broad and beyond the mere matter of gathering and selling news. It has the confidence and respect of the public. This was not secured in a few days or months, but was a matter of years.

The slogan carried at the head of the paper in one of its "ears" on the front page has never been changed. It reads:

"THE TERMINAL HAS THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF PIONEERS."

Why? Because it constantly has adhered to certain ideals and a desire for public service born of a conscientious sense of duty.

The Terminal is the only newspaper published that bears the name "TERMINAL," which was suggested to the former owner and publisher when he established the paper in 1903, by a railway magnate, who called Richmond the "Terminal City." He claimed that the name was quite appropriate and fitting, and also "different."

Dr. Warren B. Brown, founder of the paper, accepted the name, which had for a brief period bore the title "Santa Fe Times," being printed over in the Santa Fe tract.

The Terminal has never been subsidized, "syndicated nor hyphenized," and is intact and a going concern. The paper will start on its 21st year January 4, 1924.

RUSS NOTE PAVES RECOGNITION WAY

READY TO MEET CONDITIONS OF ADMINISTRATION

SOVIET WOULD PARLEY U. S. TO REPLY SOON

Settlement on Terms of President's Message Is Sought.—America Will Ask for Specific Statement on Our Demands.

Washington.—For the first time since the bolshevik revolution the Russian question is receiving open-minded attention at the White House. The exchange of views, begun by President Coolidge in his recent message to congress and followed up by the reply of George Tchitcherin, Soviet foreign minister, promise to lead to negotiations between the two governments.

Tchitcherin's note is reported here as a significant pronouncement, revealing a desire on the part of the Russian government to discuss the question of resuming relations on the basis outlined by President Coolidge in his message to congress. The Russian foreign minister commits his government to the principle of mutual non-interference in internal affairs and accept a willingness to negotiate a settlement on the basis of general reciprocity.

This government will reply to the communication, outlining anew its minimum demands and inviting the Soviet government to be more specific regarding them.

If the impending negotiations get anywhere they will lead first to creation of joint claims commissions like those just set up between the United States and Mexico, and an exchange of consular and trade officials. This would be covered in a commercial treaty. Exchange of diplomatic representatives would be delayed until these preliminaries have been adjusted and put into operation.

SEVENTEEN ARRESTED IN BANDIT RING ROUND-UP

San Francisco.—Seventeen men are under arrest in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Reno in a roundup of what is said to be a ring of automobile bandits, responsible for more than 200 burglaries and robberies in the bay district alone. Four men are held here, four in Oakland, nine in Los Angeles and one in Reno. Clyde Hendricks, held in Reno, is said to be the leader of the gang while those held here are Ford Hopkins, Louis Carter, Leon Benson and Charles Bensfield. Theodore Rattelle, James Regan, Lester Owens and Guido Colle are under arrest in Oakland.

Among the crimes charged to the gang are burglary of the home of Col. Louis H. Bash in the Presidio military reservation, November 26, when two thieves were frightened away by 10-year-old Virginia Bash, daughter of the officer, and the robbery and kidnaping of Herbert Cardoza.

SOUTH DAKOTA ACTION HELD AS BAR TO SENATOR JOHNSON

Pierre, S. D.—Secretary of State C. H. Coyne is enjoined from accepting the filing of any further minority Republican candidates in the South Dakato primary. This bars Hiram Johnson of California filing as a minority candidate for president and bars any other filings on the minority ticket unless they indorse the program filed by Howard Fuller, minority Republican candidate for congressman in the second district. Fuller filed on a Coolidge platform.

McADOO FILES ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ACTION

Los Angeles.—Formal acceptance of the platform adopted by the Democratic proposal convention in South Dakota was filed by William G. McAdoo, aspirant for the Democratic presidential nomination. This is regarded by McAdoo's friends here as the first official indication of his candidacy.

The South Dakota law requires a candidate indorsed by the party proposal convention must file acceptance of the convention's platform by January 1.

Trust Certificates Authorized

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce commission authorized the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad to issue $7,740,000 worth of trust certificates.

Girl Anarchist Faces Trial

Paris. — Mlle. Germaine Berton, girl anarchist, known as "The Red Virgin," is on trial here for her life for the assassination of the royalist leader Marius Plateau.

Fascisti Economy Program

Rome.—The Mussolini regime has demonstrated that its slogan of state economy was not a bit of campaign propaganda. Three thousand more railroad workers are to be discharged shortly for economic reasons, thus bringing to 45,000 the total of railroad men cut from the government pay roll.

Three Die in Auto Collision

Los Angeles.—Collision of two automobiles in El Segundo resulted in the death of two others and blinding the eye of a baby.

MARKET REVIEW

San Francisco, Dec. 17, 1923.

The cash grain market was quite dull all last week, a general sagging in corn and wheat prices inducing buyers to hold off. The rain did not bring forth the offerings in barley and wheat anticipated and farmers were still firm holders, not accepting offers made.

Wheat continues the big seller among chicken feeders, and prices obtained from this class of trade were above mill prices. Under pressure of offerings prices declined 50 cents a ton.

Barley prices were steady, although the trading was limited. Some business developed in the southern part of the state. Stock reports show the visible supply about 250,000 tons, which with a local consumption of 50,000 tons per month for the next six to seven months, makes the supply appear small, discounting export business entirely.

Corn supplies arrived in volume from the east, as California corn is considered too high in moisture to ship. Prices declined fully $1 a ton.

Mill feeds remained steady with the tendency upward. Alfalfa meal is scarce and is expected to advance. Cocoanut meal and cake and cottonseed meal strengthened with good demand.

Livestock Review

The outstanding feature of the week's trading on livestock has been the preponderance of heavy lambs included in receipts and a widening of prices traceable to the narrowing of demand in local meat markets and the preference for lightweight cuts of legs and chops.

Cattle—Compared with a week ago the beef steer market has been steady, but on account of the general inability of slaughterers to obtain an advance on the dressed end, trade was dull with some concerns working on old contract stuff and others handling sparingly as in usual toward the holidays. A five-car shipment of medium to good 1050-pound steers off of beet tops brought $7.75 and a four car shipment of fairly good 1150-pound steers figured around $8.50, while country markets are reported. The bulk of receipts came from California and Nevada. The lower grades are weak, a sizeable shipment of Oregons, averaging 900 pounds, for further feeding in local feed lots figured mostly around $7, and still others on the common order were killed to owner's account.

In the she-stuff line much the same condition prevails as with steers. A few cars of grass cows brought $6.00@6.25, and part-loads of common to medium, including canners and cutters, were handled sparingly and cost around $5.50 @4.00. The supply of this class of material is all too plentiful and offerings were turned away. Bulls were scarce, in demand, a few medium kinds bringing $3.50@3.75, and part-loads of good butchers made $4.00@4.25.

Calves—As compared to a week ago, the calf market is steady to 50c higher. Good to choice light fat Californias are scarce and quotable around $8.50 or better, while the bulk of calves were around 225 to 250 pounds in weight. Calves over 250 pounds and up are slow and draggy with most concerns desiring that they be kept in the country.

Hogs—Compared to last week the hog market is weak to 25c lower with some concerns out of the market on account of liberal supplies on hand. A few loads of closely graded grain fed Californias cost $8.50 and others showing lack of feeding cost around $8.00@8.25 while those under 160 pounds down to the pig order were desired.

Sheep—The limited supply of light 68 to 72 pound lambs were firm and scarce, while the bulk of the lambs killed weighed around 78 to 82 pounds in the carcass, and received severe penalization by the trade, garnering only $19 to $21 in the carcass. Indications point towards a liberal supply of heavy lambs for the next few months, and killers are bidding around $11.50 here for full wooled lambs over 80 pounds. A few decks of choice light 74 to 76 pound full wooled Utahs brought $12.75@13.00. Several loads of shorn medium fat lambs brought $11.00 @$11.25. Ewes are steady under limited demand with a two-deck shipment of medium to good 90 pound kinds bringing $5.25 and choice 119-pound kinds at $5.50, with thirty culls out at $2.25.

Dairy Products

Butter—At the close of the week the tone of the market was steady, although receipts show a gain over last week, due to holiday demand, and look for a large volume of trading. The most weakening factor is the foreign situation, but the New Zealand butter probably will go east.

Federal wholesale average: 93 score, 49½c; 92 score, 47¾c; 90 score, 45c; 89 score, —.

Cheese—Supplies of all types were plentiful during the past week, with the tone of the market steady at the close. California fancy flats declined ½ cent from Saturday to Saturday.

Federal wholesale average: California fancy flats, 23½c; full cream jack, 22 @24.

Eggs—The low point in prices of extras was reached at the middle of the week; from then on advances followed and the closing tone was firm. The outlook is for a steady to firm market this week.

Federal wholesale average: Extras, 44½c; extra pullets, 39½c.

Country Produce

The price of apples have stiffened considerably, fancy California bellflowers advancing to $1 per box and Newtons to $1.35 for the large sizes. Oregon and Washington stock advanced 15c to 25c. Receipts of oranges continue heavy, each day bringing ten to fifteen cars. Prices remained unchanged and buyers are stocking up.

The potato market is firmer and some dealers were asking as high as $2.50 for fancy Stockton rivers. Sales were made at $2.35 for fancy stock as top price; best offerings are scarce. Growers who have waited for the frosts before digging seed stock will probably soon start. Fancy Idaho russets were bringing $1.80. The market is better on both Oregon and Washington potatoes.

BRYAN BACKS "DARK HORSE" OF SOUTH FOR PRESIDENCY

Jacksonville — William Jennings Bryan, if elected a delegate from Florida to the 1924 Democratic convention, will carry in his pocket the name of a southern "dark horse" as his choice for the presidency of the United States. The Bryan candidate was described in an interview with the commoner here as "dry" and "progressive." He is not Underwood, whom Bryan termed "wet and reactionary." He is not McAdoo—Bryan stating that although McAdoo originally was a southerner, the man he will support lives here now.

Bryan declared he would like to have the convention held in an southern city.

Records to Be Replaced

Washington.—A complete set of the official gazettes of the United States patent office, containing all patents issued by this government, will be furnished Japan to replace the Japanese foreign patent records destroyed in the earthquake.

Governor's Son Asks Job

Santa Ana.—Frank Curry, claiming to be a son of former Governor Curry of New Mexico, applied for a position on the Santa Ana police force, paying $110 monthly. Curry said he has been in department of justice work, but desires to live in California.

$2,000,000 for Oakland P. O.

Washington.—A $2,000,000 appropriation is asked of congress for erection of a new federal building at Oakland, California.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

A committe of ten has been appointed to formulate a plan for a central chamber of commerce to deal with problems affecting cities of the bay region as a single economic unit. The territory embraced is represented in the committee personnel, which includes R. B. Hale, San Francisco; O. H. Fisher, Oakland; J. Allison Brunner, San Leandro; Dr. B. M. Rastall, San Francisco; Walter H. Robinson, Mill Valley; Asa G. Kasebeer, Alameda; Harry J. Peckham, San Mateo; W. L. Miller, Oakland; Daniel C. Imboden, San Mateo, and Robert Newton Lynch, San Francisco.

Of the quarter million dollar fund being sought in America for the preservation of Sulgrave manor, English home of George Washington's ancestors, California is to raise $4,500. Sulgrave manor has been preserved by the English people in memory of the illustrious American, and the Colonial Dames of America have assumed the responsibility of keeping up the estate.

Torrance again led all California oil fields in the number of new wells started during the week ending December 8, the report of State Oil and Gas Supervisor Bush shows. Total new wells were 15 compared with 18 the previous week. Wells by fields: Torrance 7, Santa Fe Springs and Long Beach 2, Los Angeles county, Orange county, Richfield and Midway 1 each.

The first of series of oil fraud cases growing out of federal grand jury investigations in southern California charged officials of the Great Angelus Oil & Land company with having "cleaned up" $147,000 by alleged false representation of value of property controlled by them in Antelope valley.

The efforts of a graduate student from El Paso, Texas, to obtain the Assembly hall of the Stanford university for "an authoritative and unbiased discussion of the Ku Klux Klan," got him nothing better than a scorching by the editor of the Daily Palo Alto, the student newspaper.

Dead men's bones in a box were found at Parson's lagoon near Santa Cruz where a dam is under construction, and another mystery was scented. It was later asserted that the schooner Active was wrecked at the spot in 1870 and all on board lost.

The battle to save the life of J. V. Hendrix convicted of murdering his partner, Thomas Kester, near Willows, San Diego county, in August, 1922, was lost in Supreme court. The convicted man and his victim were itinerate moonshiners.

The Mount Copper smelter at Martines has again ceased operations owing to the drop in copper prices and 125 men were released from employment. The plant was started last September after a shutdown of four years.

Two 14-year-old students of the school for abnormal children at Pasadena were charged with willful homicide for the alleged slaying of 5-year-old Arthur Martines, and the coroner's jury recommended prosecution.

The Berkeley W. C. T. U. will not tolerate the students' "Taproom," habitat of the new Student union, with all the make-believe enviroments of the "near" variety down to the keeper of the bar.

For the death of Joe Conroy of Santa Ana, asserted poison liquor victim, Frank Gilroy of Los Angeles and A. B. Monohan of Huntington Beach were held in justice court on a joint manslaughter charge.

A youthful bandit who held up and robbed a Modesto business man, was shot and probably fatally wounded by an officer near the scene of the robbery. He gave his name as Jim Harris of Pittsburg.

K. S. White, Los Angeles police officer, shot and killed Harold Murphy in a gun battle and was later assaulted by two friends of the victim who wielded a knife and a section of gas pipe.

George F. Morell, publisher of the Daily Palo Alto Times and the Redwood Tribune, has purchased the South San Franscisco Enterprise of Robert Speed. Change of ownership will take place January 1.

Mrs. Catherine Murphy Casey, pioneer San Franciscan and the mother of Joseph Casey, New York artist, and Patrick and Terrance Casey, California authors, died at her San Francisco home.

When Anton Nasi produced a dead pigeon in court at Sacramento as evidence against a youth accused of shooting his birds, the court room was soon cleared; the bird had been dead a week.

The Live Oak district of Santa Cruz has had a series of mysterious robberies; fifteen houses have been entered by thieves believed to have been the same party in each case.

The Ben Ali Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Sacramento, will erect a $1,000,000 building. A corporation for the sale of stock has been formed.

V. Marisch, Associated Oil employe of Avon, dropped dead on the street at Martinez. He carried a large sum of money at the time of his death.

Arthur Palmer, native of San Francisco and for eighteen years cashier of the Oriental Consolidated Mining company, died at Unsan, Korea.

Mayor G. W. Richards of Marysville tendered his resignation to the council for immediate effect, because of the press of personal affairs.

Two were arrested at San Jose for running down Angeline di Fore.

The farmers' free market at Sacramento is to be closed January 1.

Charles Britt, convicted slayer of Robert Sears at Bakersfield, gets a new trial.

Winters Island, in the delta region of eastern Contra Costa, was purchased by a San Franciscan for $40,000.

Five aliens who claimed exemption during the World war were denied citizenship at Sacramento.

Four men who robbed the Noriega Hotel at Bakersfield were captured at Lebec, 40 miles south.

Copper ore shipments from the Keystone mines in Shasta county average 250 tons daily.

Los Angeles gets the 1924 meeting of the American Association of Port Authorities.

A statement made by the secretary of Governor Richardson, denies recently published stories that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

The Old Homestead, historic resort in El Cerrito, is to be closed under abatement provisions of the prohibition law. Suit was filed at Martinez.

A. R. Heron, former deputy director of education, is now assistant state superintendent, in charge of the bureau of school statistics.

James H. McBride of Pasadena has handed in his resignation as a member of the State Immigration and Housing commission.

The Coram tunnel (No. 1), which burned out and caved in last May, will be again open for trains about the first of the year.

Ill since Thanksgiving day, Eddie Germino, 8-year-old Los Banos boy, was taken to Fresno to be treated for sleeping sickness.

George Stanford, 56, nephew of Leland Stanford, founder of Stanford university, was buried at Waukegan, Ill., last week.

Philadelphia interests have purchased a 100-acre tract of the Golden Center company mines in the Grass Valley territory.

Imperial Potentate Conrad V. Dykeman of the Mystic Shrine of North America, on official tour of inspection of the various Shrine hospitals of the state, spent a week in California.

Fire, thought to have originated from sparks from the furnace, caused damage estimated at $10,000 to the Fresno Adventist church. The structure is one of the old landmarks.

The Yuba City board of supervisors voted favorably to build a memorial building in memory of the sacrifices of her men during the World war. The building will cost $175,000.

The $20,000 Los Angeles home of John S. McGroaty, poet, burned to the ground shortly after the last of the 5,000 guests had left an elaborate housewarming.

Four persons were seriously injured at Exeter, Tulare county, when their automobile overturned, breaking a gasoline pipe and setting fire to the car.

The University of California has filed two condemnation suits in the Superior court at Oakland for the acquisition of land in the burned area of Berkeley, wanted for the university's building program.

The Hotel Green, Pasadena winter resort, has been purchased by a syndicate of California hotel men for $1,000,000, according to report. The plans are to convert it into a commercial hotel and business site.

Harvey M. Toy, chairman of the state highway commission, urged the support of the federal aid road building program fostered by the California Automobile association, before officials at Washington.

Three hundred men were called to fight a brush fire which developed during the recent high wind in the south and threatened a large area of the wooded watershed country on Oak Ridge, near Newhall pass.

The "League of Coolidge Republican Clubs of California" was organized at San Francisco of nearly 400 representatives from Coolidge clubs of every large city and most of the counties of the state.

Since the first advertisement picturing the advantages of California to easterners appeared in national magazines, November 1, approximately 20,000 replies have been received by Californians, Inc.

In a record flight, thirty navy planes will race from Caribbean sea to San Diego in three groups of ten and by different routes, following the battle maneuvers at Culebra island next spring.

Mrs. Mae Nolan, of San Francisco, has been elected to head the house committee on expenditures in the post-office department. Her husband, the late John I. Nolan, was chairman of the house labor committee. When he died last year his widow was elected to serve his unfinished term, and was reelected for the full term last fall.

William R. Searcey, until recently guest No. 11,451 at Folsom, and by his own word has served in five different prisons, thinks the Folsom institution is poorly managed and has written Governor Richardson all about it. To date, Folsom is still doing business.

Dr. John M. Stillman, professor emeritus of the chemistry department of Stanford university, died at his home on the campus grounds, following a stroke while returning home from San Francisco. He was the pioneer head of the chemistry department and retired in 1917.

Postal officials at Washington have awarded the contract for San Francisco's new postoffice building on the Embarcadero. The contract provides for a four story and basement building, on the west side of the Embarcadero, just opposite the north end of the Ferry building.

STATE LETTER

Around Capitol and State Institutions

Organization of a second brigade of infantry, California National Guards, may be authorized early in the new year to be made up of two regiments —one recruited in southern California, the other in towns in the northern end of the state. Through division of the organization, each end of the state will obtain a brigade and a brigade headquarters. The two infantry regiments making up the one brigade now at the adjutant general's command are recruited up to strength and no necessity exists for further units until work of forming the new regiment is started. Allotment of infantry companies to northern California will be delayed until Adjutant General Mittlestaedt learns how much money is available for the organization of the new units. Requests for units in the regiment have come from Sacramento, San Jose, Palo Alto, Marysville and other towns. Imperial valley towns will be allotted enough companies in the infantry regiment which will be authorized in southern California to form a battalion, while Los Angeles and San Diego will be asked to furnish one or more companies each.

Applications are coming in from all sections of the United States, especial interest being shown in Texas, South Carolina and Washington in the coming summer session of the University of California. Applications for the bulletin of the 1924 session are double what they ever were. This increase is the more remarkable since the national education meeting in 1923 aroused the interest of thousands of teachers and drew their attention to Berkeley, while no conventions of importance are scheduled for the bay region in 1924.

Berkeley has a request with the state forester for 650 trees of different varieties for use in replanting the area of the city which was denuded of arboreal growth by the big fire of last summer. The trees will be supplied from the nursery at Davis. Filling orders for shade and ornamental trees, for street and park ornamentation, comprises one of the big tasks of the forestry department, and especially at this time, when all sections of the state are pouring their orders into the office.

The California highway commission has just completed one of the largest transfers of convict labor that has taken place since prisoners were first employed in the building of highways. Traveling in two day coaches, with their baggage, camp equipment and commissary loaded in two additional baggage cars, 102 prisoners moved from the Klamath river, in Siskiyou county, to Briceburg, on the Merced river, where they have begun a 2-year task of completing the state highway through the Merced river canyon into Yosemite national park.

Specialized medical service, protective devices and better lighting facilities in industrial plants to eliminate sources of eye danger were recommended by the State Industrial Accident commission in a report to Governor Richardson. The commission reported 65,000 cases of eye injuries (1,772 permanent) in the industries of the state during the past nine years.

Figures compiled by the legal department of the regents of the University of California show that of the 10,000 in the university at Berkeley, approximately one-tenth, are classified as non-resident. This number includes all who pay tuition fees required of other than residents of California who are citizens or who have made valid declaration of their intention to become citizens.

Expenditure of $5,000,000 in excess of the commission's legislative budget, for highway construction work to be undertaken by the highway commission next year, was disclosed in the 1924 road building program, announced by the highway engineer, R. M. Morton. The 2-cent gasoline tax will pay for the additional work to be done.

The invitation of the University of California to Dr. John Burnett, professor of Greek at St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland, to fill the chair in classical literature of the university for the second half of the semester of 1925-26, has been accepted.

Twenty youthful inmates of state reformatories—the Preston School of Industry, the California School for Girls and the Whittier State School—will be granted paroles as Christmas presents, says the director of the state department of institutions.

Farmers in County Donegal, Ireland, are drowning their young pigs because the price they bring in the markets is so low it is unprofitable to raise them.

The beginning of the fall semester will see the establishment of a 4-year course in the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of Southern California.

Demand for California Newton Pippin apples continues to pick up, according to wholesale distributors.

Largest Sandstone Quarry.

The world's largest sandstone quarries are located in Ohio, a few miles to the south of Lake Erie, in the vicinity of the towns of North Amherst and Beren. From these quarries come also vast quantities of whetstones and grindstones and there is much that is of interest with respect to the industry. One of the quarries has been mined to a depth of 165 feet in places and the distance around it is a mile and a half. Looking into this pit from one edge, one is reminded of the ruins of the Coliseum, for the walls are cut in shallow terraces, which are not unlike the seats of the open-air theater of the ancients. In cutting a block of standstone wedges are driven in sideways at the base of the block, while steam drills bore holes from the top to meet the openings made by the wedges. A machine called a channeler cuts the block away.

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Hilda, Abbess of Whitby.

In 1915 the world held its breath with horror. Zeppelins had swooped down on Whitby, on the coast of Yorkshire. A cry for vengeance went up when it was found that half of the ancient abbey of Whitby had been destroyed. Founded in the Seventh century, it was Hilda's abbey. She was a princess of the blood royal, but early dedicated herself to the religious life. The king gave her a grant of land and she erected the celebrated abbey, or convent of Whitby.

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Wild Animal Prices Soar.

Menageries are not in much request in Germany, though the collection of wild animals founded by the late Carl Hagenbeck at Stellingen, near Hamburg, is still supplying the world with specimens. John Hagenbeck, brother of the founder of the Hamburg collection, has recently stocked zoological gardens at Chicago and St. Louis Prices are at top-notch and a good lion fetches $1,250. An elephant is worth from $1,500 to $2,500, a boa constrictor cannot be purchased for much less than $500, a giraffe brings $5,000 and a hippopotamus from $2,500 to $5,000.

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FISH USED TO KILL PESTS

Minnows May Be Employed to Wipe Out Mosquitoes Throughout California.

Advancing the unique theory that minnows may eventually be used throughout California to eradicate mosquitoes, Dr. Walter M. Dickie, secretary of the state board of health of California, recently made public details of an experiment by state authorities which he claimed has cleared Putah creek, Yolo county, of the insect pests.

Top minnows, a tiny fish known to science as Cambusia Affnis, were introduced by the state into Putah creek, a mosquito breeding place, said Doctor Dickie, and within a year the mosquitoes were exterminated in all the adjacent territory.

"Our experiment proves conclusively that the top minnows can and will vanquish the mosquito," said the health officer. "It would be rash, perhaps, to predict complete conquest of the mosquito in California by this means, but I do not hestitate to say that these minnows seem to us to have great possibilities."

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Hoffy called on his friend Cuthbert and observed that the latter had installed a bowl containing one goldfish.

"Ah, you have a goldfish," he remarked.

"Yes," he replied. They smoked awhile. Then Hoffy resumed the conversation.

"Does the goldfish know you?"

"I cannot tell," responded Cuthbert. "It makes no sounds, and its tail wagging seems to be for purposes of propulsion only."

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PASSING of the JULIAN CALENDAR

1924 FINDS ALMOST ALL THE WORLD KEEPING THE SAME TIME

OLD CATHEDRAL AT SOFIA
Photo by Underwood & Underwood

CENTURIES OF ARMAGEDDON

ARCHBISHOP VASILIOS
Photo by Fotogramm

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

YOU do not have to be the seventh son of a seventh son to venture the modest prophecy that the year A. D. 1924 is quite likely to be a rather stirring and important year. In fact, it looks as if almost anything may happen excepting always the usual and expected.

But the fame of 1924 is secure, even if nothing out of the ordinary does happen. It will go down to history as the first year since 1582 in which practically all of the civilized world kept the same time.

In short, 1924 sees abandonment of the Julian calendar by the Eastern Orthodox Christians and their adoption of the Gregorian calendar. This means that the whole civilized world, with the exception of about eight million Uniates, is marching in step behind old Father Time with his hour glass and scythe.

How long this synchronism, coincidence, simultaneousness, concurrence, isochronism, or whatever you prefer to call it, may last nobody can tell. There are half a dozen movements under way to tinker further with the Gregorian calendar. Some one of them is likely to produce an improved calendar. Then part of the world will adopt the improved calendar and the rest of the world will straggle along behind as usual.

Yes; 1924 takes quite a fall out of Caius Julius Caesar, though it has taken nearly two thousand years to bring it about. It was just about two thousand years ago that the hero of "Veni, vidi, vici," "Et tu Brute" and "Omnia Gallia" became seriously annoyed over the fact that the calendar of imperial Rome and her world-wide dominions was just ninety days ahead of the sun. Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, and it obeyed him, but Caesar was altogether too clever to think he could make it hustle. So he simply gave out the word for the world to use the same date for ninety days and let the sun catch up. Which the world did and the sun did. Then Caesar, to keep the sun right on its job, proclaimed leap year and February 29 every once in four years.

The old Roman calendar which Caesar doctored up had 365 days and was supposed to have been established by Romulus, the legendary founder and first king of Rome. And Caesar made the mistake of not doing the job himself. Instead, he turned it over to Sosigenes of Alexandria, a Greek astronomer and mathematician. And Sosigenes slightly bungled the job, for the sun and his calendar didn't exactly jibe, and by 1582 the sun was ten days ahead.

It was in that year that Ugo Buoncompagno, known to fame as Pope Gregory XIII, took the Julian calendar in hand for another doctoring. And Pope Gregory did not do the job himself, either. He set to work Luigi Lilio Ghiraldi, an astronomer and physician of Naples. He got sun and calendar working together, or nearly so. He died and another mathematician, one Clavus, worked out the necessary calculations for the verification. The calculations were published in 1608 in a volume of 800 pages, authorized by Pope Gregory. And that is the Gregorian calendar in use today.

The Gregorian calendar, however, was not adopted by all the world all at once. October 5 became October 15 in Spain, Portugal, and France. The Roman Catholic states of Germany adopted it the next year, but in other German states and the Scandinavian countries it was not accepted until 1700. Popular opinion in England prevented its adoption there until 1752, by act of English parliament.

The American colonies, of course, set their calendars ahead at the same time. All of the original thirteen had been established. This was eight years before the conquest of Canada by the British and the accession of George III. War was already in the air and George Washington had been commanded by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia to go to the Ohio valley and order out the French pioneers. George was only twenty years of age, so he promptly changed his birthday from February 11 to February 22. This afterdating of one's birth was, however, forbidden in England by a law prescribing that all births and deaths prior to September 2, 1752, should be dated according to the Julian calendar. But the practical effect was—and is—that for nearly a fortnight there is a hiatus in history.

Between George Washington's time and the World war only two countries of importance adopted the reformed calendar, Japan and China, the latter changing over from its lunar calendar of 354 days in 1911, upon the organization of the republic. Incidentally, the Gregorian year of 1924 corresponds with the year 2584 of the Japanese era and with the year 4621 of the Chinese era. Turkey adopted the "New Style" in 1917. The Soviet government in Russia soon followed and Rumania made the change in 1919.

But the Balkans have proved a hard nut to crack. It took a gathering of the Eastern Orthodox Christians from all over eastern Europe last spring in a Pan-Orthodox congress to bring about the change. These Eastern Orthodox Christians form what is often called the Greek church. They themselves use the name "Holy Oriental Orthodox Catholic Apostolic church." Its members number about 105,000,000. They do not acknowledge the supremacy of the pope. The split between the Latin and Greek churches occurred at the division of the Roman empire.

And even then the Eastern Orthodox Christians accepted the Gregorian calendar with "reservations." Professor Trpkovic, a Serbian astronomer, has calculated that the earth revolves about the sun in 26 seconds less than the measure in the Gregorian calendar. This would put the calendar out of step with the sun one day in every three thousand years. So the congress insists that there must be no February 29 when the year 2000 comes around. Archbishop Vasilios, metropolitan of Methymala, who recently called on President Coolidge, is a Greek churchman type.

"Everybody out of step except father," say the Ruthenian Catholics, known in Europe as the Uniates. It appears that these people of the Russian Ukraine and adjacent Ruthenia do not love their neighbors and do not take kindly to their religions, so they object to celebrating the feast days of their church simultaneously with these same neighbors. There are some eight millions of these Uniates. It is estimated, including half a million in the United States.

With the omission of February 29 in the year 2000, the Gregorian calendar may keep good time, for all the average man knows—or indeed anybody but the astronomers and nth degree mathematicians. But the average man knows that the calendar could be made more convenient. There's Easter, for example, coming around any time between March 22 and April 25! Florists, milliners, and incubator men have to keep close track of Easter year by year, as do those merchants whose trade is affected by the 40 days of Lent. And it makes a difference to countless thousands on what day of the week the Fourth of July falls.

Then the League of Nations has appointed a special committee of inquiry to consider questions of reform relating to the calendar. Willis H. Booth, secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce, has accepted an invitation to serve on this committee. This committee will have as chairman a noted French astronomer and other members will be appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Holy See and the Ecumenical Patriarch.

What reforms will be recommended by this committee can only be guessed. It is known, however, that for both commercial and ecclesiastical reasons the suggestion has been made that Easter be made a fixed instead of a movable holiday.

This committee will also, it is reported, consider a radical plan of reform which is understood to have been devised in the United States. This plan divides the year into thirteen months of four weeks each, with one extra Saturday or Sunday added at the end of the year. This would cause fixed holidays to fall on the same day of the week year after year.

Julius Caesar, dead and turned to clay, may be stopping a hole to keep the wind away. Pope Gregory XIII passed to his reward several centuries ago. Besides the world has changed somewhat since their day. There will be no reform of the Gregorian calendar by decree. The change, if there is one, must come about through public opinion.

Tinkering with the calendar has been a well-known and justly popular sport ever since the dawn of civilization. The savage, when he saw the days lengthen and the sun grow warmer after a hard winter knew that the recurrent miracle of the spring was at hand. He rejoiced—and let it go at that.

But in Egypt, when civilization dawned so many years ago that to fix the date is largely guesswork, the calendar soon took a prominent place in the business of getting daily bread. Egypt was peculiarly interested in the bread question because in ancient times it fed the world and for that reason was Mistress of the World. Every hour of every day had to be utilized in the growing of crops on the fertile lands irrigated by the annual inundation of the Nile. Therefore the spring-time planting had to be on schedule time. So the wise men of the day first planted a pole and measured the length of its shadow when the sun crossed the meridian. And out of those first poles grew the building of the pyramids, each an improvement over the last in accuracy as a sun dial—5,000 years ago.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

My desk I have laid bare.
A full twelve-month has past
Since all the litter there
Was rummaged over last.
Some Billets-doux from Kate,
And some from Jane, are here.
I toss them in the grate—
Farewell, farewell, Old Year!

And here's a silken glove,
And here's a faded rose,
The token of some love
That pleased me, I suppose.

It truly seems a shame,
But can't be helped, I fear;
So they must join the flame—
Farewell, farewell, Old Year!

I've cleaned the rubbish out,
And things look neater now.
Without the slightest doubt
'Twill soon fill up, I vow!
New billets-doux will come,
New gloves and flowers appear,
And so I gaily hum,
"Farewell, farewell, Old Year!"
—Lippincott's.

IN CHINESE HOMES

New red mottoes are hung in Chinese homes at New Year's time and the character for happiness is pasted over the door. Such words as demon, death, coffin, tiger, elephant, are not spoken, for do not the demons come when they are called? Lest the children unwittingly bring them, the parents stick up a slip of red paper which says "Children's words do not count."

A ton of water contains 224 gallons

THE SANDMAN STORY

MR. POSSUM'S ESCAPE

ONE night Mr. Possum was going through the woods trying to make up his mind whether he would go over to a farm he knew of some distance away or stay in the woods and hunt for something to eat nearer home.

While he was trying to decide this question he came to Mr. Fox's home, and as there was no light to be seen under the door or at the window Mr. Possum decided that Mr. Fox was not at home and that possibly he might find something to eat without going farther.

He tiptoed around to the back of the house to the pantry window and carefully raised it and slipped inside.

No, Mr. Fox was not at home, so Mr. Possum began to look along the

Mr. Fox Was Dragging a Bag.

pantry shelves for something to eat. But they were pretty bare; only a few bones and a piece of dry bread did he find.

He had about made up his mind to jump out of the window and go to the farm when he heard a noise that made him stand very still and listen.

It was someone opening the door to the kitchen, probably Mr. Fox himself. And what he would do to him if he caught him in his house Mr. Possum dreaded to find out.

Mr. Possum had come out of the pantry to the kitchen and was looking on the table hoping Mr. Fox had left something there. But it, too, was bare, like the pantry, and here he was caught and no food to pay for the risk.

He did not have long to think what to do and the chimney seemed to be the quickest way of escape, for he would have to pass the door which Mr. Fox was at that second opening to reach the pantry.

Up the chimney went Mr. Possum and bump went his head, for Mr. Fox had nailed a board over his chimney to keep out the snow, and robbers as well, for it was very easy to get down when he did not have a fire.

Poor Mr. Possum! He almost lost his hold and tumbled when his head struck the board. He would have if he had not been such an expert climber and clinger as well.

A piece of rough stone sticking out was all that saved him, and here he clung trembling while he listened to Mr. Fox shuffling into the room below.

Mr. Fox was dragging a bag, for he had been very lucky that evening. If it had not been for the bag scraping along the floor he would have heard Mr. Possum in the chimney. As it was, he did see the soot which Mr. Possum knocked loose in his efforts to save himself.

Mr. Fox pushed aside the soot and laid sticks and bark for his fire. Then he swung the long iron arm out from the chimney side and hung on the pot of water. Mr. Possum trembled harder.

Mr. Fox then lighted a match. Mr. Possum saw him light the bark and twigs, and shook. Up came the smoke in his face and eyes and then down it went and came out in Mr. Fox's face and eyes.

Mr. Possum choked and coughed but Mr. Fox did not hear him, for at that second he remembered the board over the chimney top and he opened the door and ran out to get a ladder.

There was no time to do thinking now. The smoke was too thick and down dropped Mr. Possum among the ashes and soot and smoke.

Mr. Possum never expected to reach his home, for he was sure Mr. Fox was after him, but he did, and up to the tipper-most-top did he climb, and there he stayed until the next night.

Then he crept down the tree and went hunting for his supper. But not in the pantry of any of the wood folk. Mr. Possum wanted a good square meal and he did not wish to take the chance of finding bare shelves again.

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a Galoot Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Not a bit stylish—in fact he pooh-poohs the latest fashions as senseless. Knows the latest publications and books and is awfully high-brow. He likes the self-supporting woman only. Can't stand the girl who always must take her formal mamma to the show with them. He always keeps a well-paid job with growing prospects. Nothing worries him except wasting time at a bad play or with a poor book. He is a bit bookish, but not so bookish that the fond parents do not worry when he and daughters go out for an all-day picnic. Mothers fear but think him a catch. Daughters love but cannot fathom him.

IN FACT

He is the most delightful mixture to Himself.

Prescription for His Bride:

℞ Get next to some good books—not for their bindings, but because of their insides.

Absorb This:

He who reads;
And works by day,
Is just the man
For whom maids pray.

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"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

FACTS about your name; it's history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel

RUTH

ONE of the loveliest names in the feminine category is Ruth. It comes to us shrouded in mystery and bearing the tragic sweetness of Biblical story. The origin of the name has never been satisfactorily determined. Some say that it comes from a Hebrew word meaning "trembling"; others that its origin lies in a word from the same language meaning "joined together," but all agree that it must have some connection with the word "reuth" signifying beauty.

As an English common noun, Ruth has come to mean sorrow, pity, compassion. That it receives this interpretation from the story of the gentle and faithful Ruth of Biblical history, is open to belief. Certainly the most famous Ruth of the ages was the lovely daughter-in-law of Naomi, who followed her into her own far country and gleaned the grain from the fields that they two might be fed. Artists have immortalized Ruth, the gleaner, standing in the fields, superb in her full-blown Hebrew beauty with the sheaves of grain clasped to her breast.

It was Ruth who voiced that exquisite promise which is synonymous with devotion in the world's famous utterances:

"Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people; and thy God my God."

According to the Biblical story, Ruth became the wife of Boaz.

No nickname has ever been evolved for Ruth. The name preserved its dignity and pathetic sweetness throughout its history. It has been adopted, in a popular sense, only by the English language. In accordance with its significance, the pearl has been assigned Ruth as her talismanic stone. Though the pearl, in this instance, probably means tears, it will undoubtedly produce the opposite effect upon the wearer, just as the opal ceases to be unlucky for those whose birth month is October. Pearls, worn by Ruth, will counteract her heritage to sorrow.

Thomas Hood expresses the poet's ideal of Ruth:

She stands breast high among the corn,
Clasped by the golden light of morn,
Like the sweetheart of the sun
Who many a glowing kiss has won.

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FIGURING IT OUT.

Candidate: Isn't fifteen thousand dollars for a seat in the city council a pretty big expense?

Committeeman: With all these franchise questions coming up it isn't an expense. It's an investment.

The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING

YOUR ENEMY'S PICTURE

RESEARCHES of the American Folk-Lore society show that comparatively recently there have been cases where a person sought to injure his enemy by drawing that enemy's picture on a board and shooting at it with a rifle or pistol. It was believed that the one sought to be injured would feel great pain in that part of his person represented by the part of the picture pierced by the bullet and that no one but the person who did the shooting could give him relief.

Kindred superstitions are now and then met with in various sections of this country and in rural England they are most common.

Again we have merely a survival of sympathetic magic handed down from primitive man. Injure the man's picture and you injure the man. This sort of vicarious vengeance was practiced by all the ancients. Amid the ruins of Thebes was found a small clay figure of a man tied to a papyrus scroll "evidently to compass the destruction of the person denounced in the script." Just what process the clay figure had been subjected to in order to sympathetically affect the man it represented does not appear. The superstition has come down unaltered through the ages and is much more common today than most people have any idea of. If the stories of Catherine de Medici are true one of her favorite modes of "getting square" with her enemies was to have waxen figures made of them and set the figures to melt before a fire, or for a quicker result pierce the heart of the figure with a pin. This superstition, as Frazer puts it, is that "the man feels the injury done to his image as if it were done to his own body," and Elworthy adds: "The idea is as old as the hills and is practiced today." The reason we do not hear more about this particular superstition is because those who practice it naturally do so in secret and do not talk about it.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE TEST

I'VE had my periods of Doubt
That came to put my Faith to rout,
And glad am I
That they came by,
For 'tis the simple fact that when
Those questionings arose 'twas then
I found the test
That proved Faith best,
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The surety of Truth came out.

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Jean Arthur

Only a few months ago, handsome Jean Arthur, the "movie" star, was earning her way through a New York college. Today she shares feminine lead honors in a prominent production. Five feet three, of slender brunette loveliness, at the age of seventeen, Miss Arthur finds herself a screen personality of importance. Starting as a model for fashion photographers, she soon attracted the attention of a prominent producer. Her rise from minor roles to leads quickly followed.

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1. A Government Commission determines freight and passenger rates.

2. A Government Commission determines what is a "fair return" on the value of property used for transportation purposes, but does not guarantee any return.

3. A Government Commission determines the above value of transportation property.

4. A Government Board determines wages and working conditions in case of dispute between railroad employer and employe.

5. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad may issue its stock and bonds.

6. A Government Commission has determined how all railroad accounts are to be kept.

7. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad line may be built or abandoned, leased, sold or merged with any other line.

8. Any and every form of discrimination is prohibited by law.

9. A Government Commission prescribes safety methods and appliances and makes constant inspection for any failure to observe its requirements.

There are duties devolving upon the people to see that the railroads are given fair treatment by the Commission and Boards to whom has been delegated the task of exercising the overwhelming control described above, and that the provisions for such control are not lightly tampered with nor changed until some clear need for change appears. With such treatment assured the railroads can and will grow in capacity and efficiency to meet all the needs of our country, and health and vigor will be assured to our great national industries, such as farming, manufacturing, mining and commerce.

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May (warningly)—Even typhoid and consumption can be caught from kissing, Mr. Rush!

Rush (eagerly)—I've taken the preventive treatment for both, Miss May.

The native Bahamas are expert sailors. Somehow without a compass and in all kinds of weather they are able to guide their boats intelligently over the pathless ocean. How they do it is a mystery even to themselves. In his recent book, "In the Wake of the Buccaneers," Mr. A. Hyatt Verrill says that he tried to learn from Sam, his colored steersman, why he was so confident of reaching the tiny island of St. Croix after a voyage of 100 miles over a deserted sea.

"Why, chief," replied the native, "Ah don't need to know where we is for to get where we's goin'."

"Well, how on earth do you do it, Sam?"

"Ah can't say," was the reply. "Ah jus' knows where'bouts th' lan' is, an' Ah steers for he."—Youth's Companion.

OUR FIRST BATHTUBS

According to some historians, the first stationary bathtub in the United States was built in Cincinnati, even then gaining eminence in soap, in 1842. Perhaps the soap makers had a hand in this propaganda stunt. The tub was made of mahogany, lined with sheet lead and its exhibition was the feature of a Christmas party given by its owner. Political writers championing the cause of the dear people denounced it in terms similar to those now used in condemning plute luxuries. Doctors saw a menace to the health of the next generation. In 1843 the city of Philadelphia tried to prohibit bathing from November 1 to March 15 by city ordinance. In 1845 Boston tried legislation to make a doctor's prescription necessary to a bath, as it is now sometimes a condition precedent to an internal bath. Virginia taxed tubs $30 per year.

NEW USE FOR TUNNELS

Two men had planted themselves in a field and were about to fight a duel with pistols when the farmer dashed up.

"No dueling here," he declared. "I don't suppose either of you can shoot straight."

They admitted the truth of this.

"Then your shots are apt to go wide and hurt somebody."

"Well, where can we fight? Got another field?"

"Go over yonder to the railroad," suggested the farmer. "What you want is a tunnel."

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Supply and Demand

High wages in the building trades are simply the result of the law of supply and demand.

With building construction on a much larger scale than ever before known, the supply of mechanics engaged in building construction has remained practically stationary, with the result that there are not enough men to handle the work. Owners and contractors bid against each other and by means of bonuses, double time and extra hours, they increase the mechanic's pay far above the present high scale. In many lines of building activities mechanics receive $2 or more above the scale for the'r work.

The great demand for their services makes many mechanics indifferent to their work. They know if they are paid off there a dozen positions waiting for them. This attitude not only reduces the quality of their work but also lowers the actual amount of work they do.

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Superior Court, City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

New Richmond Land Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Harbor Center Land Company, a corporation, Defendant.

Under and by virtue of a writ of execution to me directed, issued out of the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, on the 3d day of November, 1923, in the above entitled action, wherein the New Richmond Land Company, a corporation, recovered a judgment against Harbor Center Land Company, a corporation, which judgment was duly entered and docketed on the first day of November, A. D. 1923 for the sum of $17,002.57 dollars damages, gold coin, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and accruing costs, I have levied upon and taken under execution all the right, title and interest which the said Harbor Center Land Company, a corporation, had or held on the first day of November, 1923, or at any time subsequent thereto, in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land lying and being in the county of Contra Costa, state of California and described as follows:

Block 1, lots 1 to 6 inclusive and 12 to 15 inclusive.
Block 2, lots 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 to 17 inclusive.
Block 3, 1 to 10 inclusive, 16.
Block 4, 3 to 15 inclusive, 17, 18.
Block 5, 1 to 11 inclusive.
Block 6, lots 1, 2, 3.
Block 7, lot 1, lots 4 to 13 inclusive, 15 to 18 inclusive, 20 to 27 inclusive, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43, 44, 46, 58, 59, 60.
Block 8, lots 1 to 12 inclusive, 14, 18 to 34 inclusive.
Block 9 lots 1, 5, to 82 inclusive, 35, 36.
Block 10, lots 1, 2, 4 to 20 inclusive, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36.
Block 11, lot 2-4 to 19 inclusive, 23, 24-31.
Block 12, lots 3-6-8 to 18 inclusive, 20 22, 27, 29, 30.
Block 13, lots 1-5 to 11 inclusive, 14 to 20 inclusive, 22, 25, 27, 28.
Block 14, lots 1 to 6 inclusive, 10 to 17 inclusive, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.
Block 15, lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 9, 10, 13 to 21 inclusive, 32.
Block 16, lots 3 to 26 inclusive, 29 to 33 inclusive.
Block 17, lots 1 to 9 inclusive, 14 to 20 inclusive, 22 to 32 inclusive.
Block 18, lots 2, 3, 7 to 13 inclusive, 17 20 to 25 inclusive, 7, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34.
Block 19, lots 1, 4 to 12 inclusive, 14, 18, 19, 20, 23, 29 to 33 inclusive, 35, 36.
Block 20, lots 1 to 36 inclusive.
Block 21, lots 2, 7, 8, 12, 2., 24, 25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34.
Block 22, lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, to 18 inclusive, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29.
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Block 24, lots 1, 2, 6, 9, 12, to 20 inclusive, 24, 26, 29, 33, 34.
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Blk 35, Lots 1 to 12 inc, 15 to 22 inc, 27-29 to 36 inc.
Blk 36, Lots 11 to 17 inc, 20-22 to 26 inc, 29-30-33-34.
Blk 37, Lots, 4-5-6-7-12-13-14-15-17-18 19-22 23-24-27 to 32 inc.

All of the above described property being as delineated upon that certain map, entitled "Wall's Harbor Center Tract, City of Richmond, Contra Costa county, Cal.," surveyed and delineated by P. A Haviland, C. E., February, 1913. Filed on the 3d day of March, 1913, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California.

Together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Public notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1923, at 11 o'clock a. m., of that day, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Martinez, county of Contra Costa, I will sell all the right, title and interest which said defendant Harbor Center Land Co., a corporation, had or held on the first day of November, 1923, the day on which said Judgment was docketed as aforesaid, or which he may have subsequently acquired in and to the above described property, to the highest bidder for gold coin of the United States.

Dated Martinez, November 20, 1923.

R. R. VEALE,
Sheriff of Contra Costa County.

Henry Brown, Atty for Plff, 822 Sharon Bldg, S. F.

The above sale is hereby postponed to Thursday, December, 27, 1923 at 11 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Courthouse, in the city of Martinez, county of Contra Costa, state of California.

(Signed) R. R. VEALE.
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